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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/583,914	BIJKER ET AL.
	Examiner Joannie A. Garcia	Art Unit 2823

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 06-21-2006
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____

Claim 27 is objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 27 recites the limitation "sputtering electrode" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Appropriate correction is required.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Boxhoorn et al (US 2006/0100094).

Boxhoorn et al discloses a method for manufacturing a functional layer, comprising introducing a sheet, carrier or corrugated material, or a metal non-porous substrate into a process chamber, generating a plasma by a DC plasma cascade source (Paragraphs 0015, 0053, 0056, and 0057), wherein the substrate is adjusted to a treatment temperature (Paragraph 0056), depositing a sputtering first deposition material by sputtering containing compressed powders on the substrate under the influence of the plasma having a volatile compound containing a precursor material which decomposes the first deposition material in the process chamber before the first deposition material has reached the substrate (Paragraph 0034, 0040, 0041, and 0069,

and Claims 1, 11, 14, 35, and 38), wherein applying at the same time a PECVD or sputtering second deposition material to the substrate with a second deposition process, wherein the functional layer has no catalytic function, wherein the substrate is moved in the process chamber each time a different part of the substrate contacts the plasma (Paragraphs 0007, 0011, 0014, 0041, 0053, and 0046, and Claims 1, and 14), wherein the first deposition material is supplied to the plasma outside the plasma source in the process chamber (Paragraphs 0039 and 0040), and wherein the first and/or second deposition material is deposited such that the chemical composition of the deposited material is deposited such that the chemical composition of the deposited material measured over distances of 5cm, differs by less than 10%, and the substrate is adjusted to an electrical potential by DC, pulsed DC and/or RF biasing (Paragraph 0070 and Claims 28 and 32).

Boxhoorn et al discloses an apparatus for manufacturing a functional layer on a substrate comprising a process chamber, a DC plasma cascade source, or two DC plasma sources such that opposite sides of the substrate contact the plasmas, to generate a plasma (Paragraphs 0053, 0054, 0056, and 0059), a first vapor deposition material source in a volatile state and supplied using a fluid supply channel, and configured to introduce a first deposition material into the plasma (Paragraphs 0034, 0040, 0069, 0073, and Claims 1, 14, 35, and 38), a substrate positioning device configured to bring and/or keep at least a part of a substrate in such position in the process chamber that the substrate contacts said plasma (Paragraphs 0060-0062), a PECVD source or sputtering electrode second deposition material source configured to deposit a second deposition material on the substrate and the plasma source at the same time, wherein the functional layer having a no catalytically active source, wherein the sputtering electrode abuts the plasma source

(Paragraphs 0007, 0011, 0014, 0046, 0053, and 0055, and Claims 1, and 14), a substrate roller and discharge roller, to supply and discharge, respectively, a substrate that can be rolled up to and from the process chamber (Paragraphs 0057 and 0058), and a deformation means to deform and serrate the substrate which has unrolled from the supply roller (Paragraph 0057).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joannie García whose telephone number is (571) 272-1861. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Smith, can be reached on (571) 272-1907. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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